

INTER-REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Lodi Wine & Visitor Center
Lodi, CA

April 25, 2001

MEETING SUMMARY

I. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Dan Bilbrey, City of Tracy, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. Supervisor Jack Sieglock welcomed all attending to his district. Following were self-introductions. In attendance were:

Inter-Regional Partnership Members

Mayor Dan Bilbrey, City of Tracy
Mayor Mike McPoland, City of Brentwood
Council Member Lorraine Dietrich, City of Livermore
Council Member Gloryanna Rhodes, City of Lathrop
Supervisor Jack Sieglock, County of San Joaquin
Council Member Bob Wasserman, City of Fremont

Staff to the Inter-Regional Partnership

Gene Leong, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments
Gary Dickson, Executive Director, Stanislaus Council of Governments
Julia E. Greene, Executive Director, San Joaquin Council of Governments
Stephen VanDenburgh, Senior Regional Planner, San Joaquin Council of Governments
Christy Riviere, Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments
Michael Smith, Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments
Cheryl Creighton, Office Assistant, San Joaquin Council of Governments

Councilwoman Lorraine Dietrich requested her name be added to the Legislative Committee mentioned in the minutes of January 31, 2001.

II. HIGH-SPEED RAIL PRESENTATION

Mr. David Shpak made a presentation of the California High-Speed Train Program EIR/EIS. The California High-Speed Rail Authority is conducting planning and environmental analysis of a state-of-the-art high-speed train system that would connect and serve the major metropolitan areas of California, extending from Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area, through the Central Valley, to Los Angeles and San Diego. In the presentation, Mr. Shpak highlighted areas regarding:

- Travel Corridors
- High-Speed Train Alternatives
- High-Speed Train Technologies

- EIR/EIS Key Elements and Outcomes
- High-Speed Train Alignments/Stations

In the discussion that followed, Ms. Julia E. Greene requested station location maps for San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. Ms. Lorraine Dietrich stressed that high-speed rail has to be connected to other modes of transportation. Ms. Dietrich suggested that if a station failed to provide a multi-modal connection, then the high-speed station be located somewhere else. Ms. Dietrich also raised the question as to why there is nothing in Contra Costa County (Alameda County loops both counties) and why was there no San Francisco to Sacramento proposed line. Mr. Gary Dickson inquired if the cost of the Altamont alignment played any role in playing the alignments elsewhere and Mr. Shpak replied that cost was a major factor in rejecting the Altamont alignment.

III. IRP TIMELINE & STRUCTURE

Ms. Christy Riviere reviewed the timeline for the IRP. This is based on quarterly meetings and if the frequency of the meetings were changed the timeline would be adjusted accordingly. Ms. Gloryanna Rhodes suggested postponing the review of the timeline until the next meeting. At the request of Mr. Mark DeSaulnier, who was not in attendance, the issues of frequency of meetings and whether or not to have co-chairs was postponed until the June 20, 2001 meeting. There was considerable discussion regarding attendance and what the frequency of the meetings should be. Mr. Bob Wasserman suggested every other month for the meetings and if someone was not able to attend they could have an alternate attend for them. Ms. Gloryanne Rhodes stated she believed that consistency of the group was very important and therefore didn't think the idea of alternates was a very good one.

Chairman Bilbrey suggested setting the dates for the next two meetings, June 20 and August 15, 2001. IRP members who were present agreed on these dates and there will be more discussion regarding this item at the June 20, 2001 meeting.

IV. JOBS/HOUSING OPPORTUNITY ZONE UPDATE

Ms. Christy Riviere outlined the Job/Housing Opportunity Zone Request for Proposal (RFP), which is comprised of the following four sections:

- Introduction
- Proposal Contents
- Criteria Guidelines
- Annotated Incentives Listing

Mr. Gary Dickson emphasized that this is a pilot program and the State will be watching and grading its progress.

Mr. Mike Locke had several comments regarding the RFP. He was disappointed that there had been no meeting since last year to involve the Economic Development Agencies in drafting the RFP. He also noted that the incentives discussed in the RFP were viable but that legislation was needed to make them unique and special to the opportunity zones. As for the scoring system, Mr. Locke maintained that the State

Treasurer had a scoring system for state application process that could be a model for the RFP. He asked that Economic Development Agencies and City Representatives meet with IRP staff to review the RFP.

Chairman Bilbrey requested that meetings be held with county representatives, economic development, city staff and IRP staff to revise the RFP.

Chairman Bilbrey stated this was a work in progress and could be continued until the next meeting.

V. INTER-REGIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

Mr. Gene Leong announced that ABAG rather than a consultant is conducting the GIS activities funded by the pilot program. Examples of types of data already on the GIS system were presented. In the future the GIS information will be accessible on the ABAG website for anyone to access. It was noted that the IRP encompasses 5 counties and 70 jurisdictions and all information received for the GIS will need to be in the same format. Chairman Bilbrey stated the information would be very useful on the web and staff should continue to look for additional funding.

Report was accepted as presented without objection.

VI. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Legislative Committee Meeting so therefore no report was given.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Paul Dirkson, State Department of Housing and Community Development, commented on the state pilot program. Chairman Bilbrey thanked Mr. Dirkson for allowing IRP to develop this model and get down the road before bringing others on. Chairman Bilbrey stressed the IRP was a diverse group and appreciated the opportunity to discuss all issues.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded (Sieglock/Dietrich) to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 2:34pm.